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Election of one member of the International Narcotics Control Board under the provisions of article 9, paragraph 1 (a), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

Election of one member of the International Narcotics Control Board from among candidates nominated by the World Health Organization

1. The present note contains information on candidates nominated by the World Health Organization (WHO). Information on candidates nominated by Governments is contained in document E/2004/L.1/Add.3.

2. In accordance with established procedure, the Secretary-General invited the Director-General of WHO to submit a list of at least three candidates for election to membership in the International Narcotics Control Board for the period from 2 March 2005 to 1 March 2010 on the expiration of the term of office of one member of the Board who was originally nominated by WHO and elected by the Economic and Social Council in 1999. The post is currently occupied by Philip O. Emafo (Nigeria).

3. As of 1 February 2004, three candidates had been proposed by WHO. Their names are given below in alphabetical order:

J. M. Mario **Argandoña-Yañez**	Bolivia
Philip O. **Emafo**	Nigeria
Witold **Wieniawski**	Poland

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4. The biographical information that was transmitted with proposals for candidates is contained in the annex to the present report.

5. In accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,[1] as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[2] members of the Board shall not hold positions or engage in any activity that would be liable to impair their impartiality in the exercise of their functions. Positions and activities of individuals in the following areas are, in particular, incompatible with membership of the Board: persons who hold government posts, are in the paid service of their Governments or are acting under instructions from their Governments; persons who represent a Government at national or international forums on drug-related issues; and persons who are engaged in any activity, whether private or public, that might be liable to impair their impartiality in the exercise of their functions on the Board or whose activity is in conflict with the functions of the Board.

6. Document E/2004/L.1/Add.3 contains information on the number, length and place of meetings of the Board in 2003, on payments to members and on present membership (annex II); articles 9 (Composition and functions of the Board) and 10 (Terms of office and remuneration of members of the Board) of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol (annex III); information on qualifications and other conditions of membership on the Board (annex IV); and a list of the States parties to the Single Convention, the 1972 Protocol amending that Convention, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971[3] and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988[4] (annex V).

Notes

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

[2] Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.

[3] Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

[4] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.91.XI.6.

Annex

Biographical information on candidates for election to the International Narcotics Control Board

J. M. Mario Argandoña-Yañez (Bolivia)

Education: Medical doctor and psychiatrist.

Present post: Coordinator, Post-Graduate Master Course in Mental Health, Catholic University of Bolivia, San Pablo, Faculty of Medicine, Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Previous posts: Professor of Psychiatry, University of San Simón, Cochabamba, 1970-1987; Vice-Rector, University of San Simón, 1978-1980 and 1983-1987; Chief, Department of Mental Health, Free University, Cali, Colombia, 1980-1982; Minister of Health, Government of Bolivia, La Paz, 1982-1983; Chief, Unit of Treatment and Care, Programme on Substance Abuse, WHO, Geneva, 1990-1998; Bolivian Society of Psychiatry; Bolivian Society of Public Health.

Publications: Argandoña, M. and Kiev, A., *Mental Health in the Developing World: A Case Study in Latin America*, Free Press of Glencoe, New York, 1972; *Psychopathology and Semiological Psychiatry*, Centro de Estudios de la Realidad Económica y Social, Cochabamba, 1986; contributed to *Drug and Alcohol Dependence Policies, Legislation and Programmes for Treatment and Rehabilitation*, WHO, Geneva, 1999.

Meetings attended: Meetings of the Pan-American Health Organization and WHO; Meetings of the International Narcotics Control Board, as WHO representative.

Philip Onagwele Emafo (Nigeria)

(*Nominated by WHO and Nigeria*)

Education: Diploma in Pharmacy, Nigerian College of Arts, Science and Technology, Ibadan, Nigeria (1955-1959); Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours), School of Pharmacy, University of London (1960-1963); PhD in Biochemistry, University of Ibadan, Nigeria (1996-1970).

Present post: President of the International Narcotics Control Board since 2002 and member since 2000.

Previous posts: Lecturer and Senior Lecturer, Pharmaceutical Microbiology and Biochemistry, University of Benin, Nigeria (1971-1977); Chief Pharmacist, Federal Ministry of Health, Lagos (1977-1980); Director, Pharmaceutical Services, Federal Ministry of Health, Lagos (1980-1988); consultant to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, for the development of a training curriculum for inspectors (1993); assisted the Division of Drug Management and Policies of WHO in developing national guidelines for inspection of drug distribution channels (1993); consultant to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in preparing a report on drug control situation in Africa and on a draft plan of action for the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and consultant on the thematic evaluation of the technical assistance in support of the control of drugs used for licit purposes (1995); consultant to OAU, Addis Ababa (1998).

Special appointments: Rapporteur-General, International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, June 1987; Chairman, tenth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Vienna (1988); Chairman, Pharmacists Board of Nigeria (1977-1988); member of a working group on the enhancement of the efficiency of the three drug control units of the United Nations Secretariat (1990); member of ad hoc intergovernmental advisory group established by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to assess strengths and weaknesses of global drug control efforts (1994); member of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (1992, 1994 and 1998); member of the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on the International Pharmacopoeia and Pharmaceutical Preparations (1979-1997); member of the Advisory Group of the International Narcotics Control Board, to review substances for control under article 12 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances; member of the high-level expert group convened pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/37 to review United Nations machinery for drug control (1997-1998); Director of the project for the rapid assessment of the drug abuse situation in Nigeria (1999); member of the Standing Committee on Estimates of the International Narcotics Control Board (since 2000); rapporteur of the International Narcotics Control Board (2001).

Publications: Co-author of *Information-dissemination in Psychoactive Drugs: Improving Prescribing Practices*, WHO (1998); *Drug Regulation and Social Policy in Narcotics: Law and Policy in Nigeria*, Federal Ministry of Justice, Lagos (1990); *Overview of Reducing Illicit Drug Demand, proceedings of the National Workshop on Drug Regulatory Function*, Pharmacists Board of Nigeria (1991); *Effectiveness of the Laws on Drug Abuse in Nigeria*, National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies (1997); *International organizations and authorities, their scope in the proceedings of the training workshop on detection and identification of counterfeit*

and substandard pharmaceutical products, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, University of Ibadan (1998).

Honours: Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society in Nigeria (1983); Fellow of the West African College of Pharmacists under the auspices of the West African Pharmaceutical Federation (1991).

Meetings attended: Member of the Nigerian delegation to the WHO Assembly (1978, 1979, 1987 and 1988); head of the Nigerian delegation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (1978, 1980-1983, 1985-1988).

Witold Wieniawski (Poland)

Education: Doctor of Pharmacy (Medical Academy, Warsaw, 1959), post-doctoral fellow of the United States National Institutes of Health, Ohio State University, United States of America (1965-1967), Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences (1983).

Present post: Counsellor, Polish Pharmaceutical Society.

Previous posts: Scientist (1953-1965) and Secretary for Research (1970), Institute for Drug Control, Warsaw; Senior Pharmaceutical Officer and Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, Pharmaceuticals Unit, WHO, Geneva (1974-1981); Deputy Director, Institute of Drug Control, Warsaw (1983-1996); Chairman, Pharmacopoeia Commission (1983-2002); Consultant to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, WHO and the World Bank on drug control matters in numerous developing countries (1983-1995); consultant to the International Narcotics Control Board, including on the enhanced control of poppy straw (1997); member of the Advisory Group on Precursors (1999); and chairman of the consultation between the International Narcotics Control Board and WHO on stereoisomers of psychotropic substances; member of the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on the International Pharmacoepia and Pharmaceutical Preparations.

Memberships: Corresponding member of the Academy of Pharmacy (France); member of several scientific societies.

Publications: Numerous papers on the chemistry of biologically active substances; several review papers on the international control of narcotics and psychotropic substances.

Meetings attended: Member of delegation of Poland at numerous sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (1956-1963; 1986-2002); representative of Poland to: plenipotentiary conferences on the Convention on Psychotropic Substances (Vienna, 1971), conference on the amendment of the Convention on Narcotic Drugs (Geneva, 1972), and Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Vienna, 1988), and served as governmental expert for the intergovernmental preparatory expert group on convention; representative of Poland at several international conferences, including the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (Vienna, 1987), and at seminars and meetings of the Pompidou Group; served on WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence as member and co-rapporteur (1998); served as chairman of the thirty-second and thirty-third meetings of the Committee (2000, 2002); member of the intergovernmental advisory group to prepare an assessment of the issues covered in General Assembly resolution 48/12 (1994-1996).